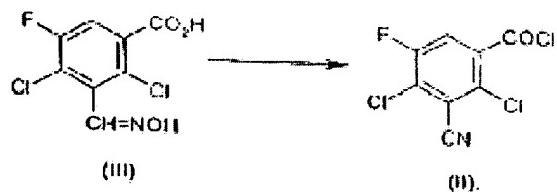
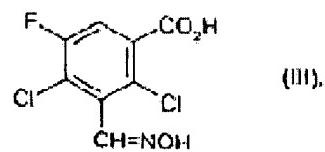


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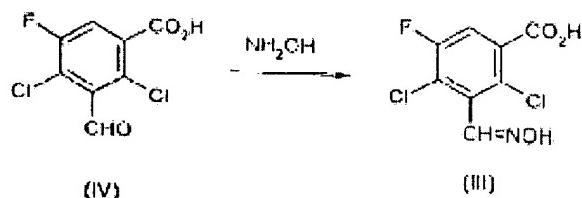
1. (Cancelled).
 2. (Cancelled).
 3. (Original) Use of 3-cyano-2,4,5-trifluoro-benzoyl fluoride for the preparation of 3-cyano-2,4,5-trifluoro-benzoyl chloride by reaction of 3-cyano-2,4,5-trifluoro-benzoyl fluoride with chlorinating agents, optionally in the presence of diluents.
 4. (Original) Process for the preparation of 2,4-dichloro-3-cyano-5-fluoro-benzoyl chloride of the formula (II) by elimination of water from 2,4-dichloro-5-fluoro-3-N-hydroxyiminomethyl-benzoic acid (III) with simultaneous conversion of the carboxylic acid function into the carbonyl chloride according to the following equation:



5. (Original) 2,4-Dichloro-5-fluoro-3-N-hydroxyimino-methyl-benzoic acid of the formula (III)



6. (Original) Process for the preparation of 2,4-dichloro-5-fluoro-3-N-hydroxyiminomethyl-benzoic acid of the formula (III) according to Claim 5, by reaction of 2,4-dichloro-5-fluoro-3-formyl-benzoic acid of the formula (IV) with hydroxylamine according to the following equation:

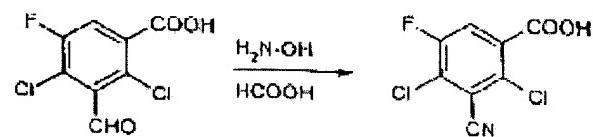


7. (Original) Process for the preparation of 2,4-dichloro-3-cyano-5-fluoro-benzoic acid

- a) by elimination of water from 2,4-dichloro-5-fluoro-3-N-hydroxyiminomethylbenzoic acid of the formula (III) according to the following equation



- b) by reaction of 2,4-dichloro-5-fluoro-3-formyl-benzoic acid of the formula (IV) with hydroxylamine in the presence of formic acid according to the following equation



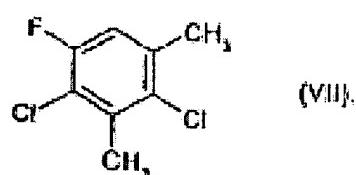
8. (Cancelled).

9. (Cancelled).

10. (Cancelled).

11. (Cancelled).

12. (Original) 2,4-dichloro-5-fluoro-1,3-dimethylbenzene of the formula (VII)



13. (Original) Process for the preparation of 2,4-dichloro-5-fluoro-1,3-dimethylbenzene of the formula (VII) according to Claim 12 by ring chlorination of 5-fluoro-1,3-xylene (VIII) to give 2,4-dichloro-5-fluoro-1,3-dimethylbenzene (VII) using chlorine gas, optionally in a diluent and in the presence of a catalyst according to the following equation:

